



Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

Summary of CRCL's Recommendations and ICE's Response *Resumption of Custody at Glades County Detention Center*

On December 8, 2023, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) responded to a *Recommendation Memorandum* issued in August 2023 by the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) about ICE resuming the custody of noncitizens at Glades County Detention Center (GCDC). ICE concurred with three recommendations and partially concurred with one.

Background

Between fiscal years 2018 and 2022, CRCL received over 200 allegations concerning medical care and conditions of detention at GCDC. CRCL noted concerns related to medical care with 19 complaints and issued informal advice to ICE in five additional complaints involving medical care. Additionally, GCDC had reported 23 use of force incidents between October 2020 and October 2021.

In December 2021, CRCL conducted an onsite investigation at GCDC and found significant health and safety concerns. As a result, in December 2021, CRCL issued a Proposed Action Plan, including a prioritization strategy to draw-down GCDC's noncitizen population, while protecting those still detained at GCDC. In March 2022 – prior to the finalization of CRCL's *Expert Recommendations Memorandum* following its onsite investigation – CRCL learned that ICE would no longer house noncitizens at GCDC.

Investigation

Although ICE was no longer housing ICE detainees at GCDC, CRCL learned that ICE did not sever its contract with GCDC. On March 25, 2022, ICE publicly announced that it would limit GCDC's use and that any future use would be "dependent on fully addressing any conditions that do not meet detention standards." However, CRCL found that the contract between ICE and GCDC does not contain this stipulation; therefore, CRCL was unclear what violations would be assessed and who would assess them for correction should ICE decide to use the facility again. Given the significant problems CRCL identified with the operations at GCDC, CRCL raised concerns relating to the lack of clarity of if, when, and how ICE could resume housing noncitizens at GCDC.

Findings and Recommendations

On August 30, 2023, CRCL issued ICE a *Recommendation Memorandum*. The memo includes four recommendations related to actions ICE should take prior to resuming detaining noncitizens. On December 8, 2023, ICE concurred with three recommendations and partially concurred with one. ICE agreed to notify CRCL at least 30 days prior to resuming housing detained noncitizens at GCDC, to conduct a pre-occupancy inspection prior to resuming housing noncitizens at GCDC, and to send the pre-occupancy inspection findings to CRCL for review.

CRCL provides the public with documents related to complaint investigations. After it has been prepared and reviewed, CRCL will post a redacted version of this Recommendation Memorandum on our [website](#) that will contain additional information about the complaint investigation and CRCL's findings and recommendations.

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